

## Elder Program Grant

In July, 2012, The Bay County Division on Aging was awarded a grant called, Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse of Women in Later Life Program Grant from the Department of Justice. Although the grant title specifies women, men are also included in services developed through this grant.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the grant is to increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation, domestic violence, and sexual assault against older individuals (age 50 and older); provide or enhance services for older victims; create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and conduct cross-training from victim service organizations, governmental organizations serving older victims.

**Goal:** The goal of the Elder Program Grant is to build a seamless network that will function beyond 2013 among agencies/organizations in Bay County that will; provide services to victims of abuse in later life that will keep them safe and lead them to independence. This network will also work to hold abusive offenders accountable

**Partners:** The individuals within the grant partner agencies who have signed Memorandum of Understanding for the grant program include Bay County Executive Tom Hickner, Sheriff John Miller, Bay County Prosecuting Attorney Kurt Asbury; Director of the Bay, Gladwin, and Arenac Department of Human Services, Kim Bejeck; Executive Director of the Bay Area Women's Center, Kathy Allen; Region VII Area Agency on Aging Director, Andrew Orvash; and Bay County Division on Aging Director, Tammy Roehrs.

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